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SUBJECT:STANFORD-WARSAW EXCHANGE

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1. PROF. ROBERT WARD, DIRECTOR INTERNATIONAL PROGRAMS STANFORD UNIVERSITY, ADVISED CU/EE THAT STANFORD PLANS CEASE SUPPORT FOR ITS POLISH EXCHANGE PROGRAM AFTER END OF CURRENT ACADEMIC YEAR. WARD CITED DOLS 10 MILLION CUT IN STANFORD BUDGET AS FORCING ELIMINATION AND REDUCTIONS IN MANY ONGOING INTERNATIONAL EXCHANGE PROGRAMS.

2. AS EMBASSY AWARE, DEPT PROVIDED FY 74 GRANT TO STANFORD FOR DOLS 17,500, MOSTLY IN POLISH ZLOTYS, TO COVER TRAVEL COSTS AND STIPENDS 4 STUDENTS FROM STANFORD AND OTHER UNIVERSITIES TO WARSAW AND INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL FOR 2 POLISH STUDENTS TO STANFORD. STANFORD CURRENTLY PAYS ABOUT DOLS 7000 PER YEAR FOR US COSTS OF POLISH STUDENTS, AND WILL NEED ADDITIONAL DOLS 1000 TO PROVIDE ADEQUATE MAINTENANCE THIS YEAR.

3. PROGRAM WAS ORIGINALLY FUNDED ENTIRELY BY STANFORD AND WARSAW. SEVERAL YEARS AGO CU BEGAN PROVIDING PARTIAL FUND-
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ING THROUGH GRANT TO STANFORD. SINCE STANFORD BUDGET WILL

NO LONGER PERMIT IT TO CONTINUE TO FUND THE PROGRAM, IMPLICATION IS CLEAR THAT PROGRAM WILL LAPSE AT END OF CURRENT

ACADEMIC YEAR UNLESS CU OR OTHER SOURCE CAN FOOT THE BILL. IN ABSENCE OF ASSURANCES OF CONTINUED PARTIAL FUNDING BY STANFORD, CU WOULD BE RELUCTANT TO CONTINUE TO FUND THE PROGRAM. WHILE THIS WOULD MEAN DEMISE OF A USEFUL PROGRAM WE BELIEVE LOSS WOULD NOT BE GREAT IN VIEW OF OVERALL CONTINUED GROWTH OF US-POLISH ACADEMIC EXCHANGES AND INTEREST OF OTHER US UNIVERSITIES IN ESTABLISHING NEW PROGRAMS WHICH THEY ARE PREPARED TO FUND.

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